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Web Site: A summary of the power point notes presented in class will be posted on the class web site: http://mkfi.boisestate.edu/fin303/main.htm
The website will also contain assignments and useful links to other internet resources related to the class topics.

Objectives: The purpose of this course is to introduce students to the issues faced by corporate financial managers. Upon successful completion of this course the student should:
- Have an understanding of the goals of the firm and how the finance function supports those goals
- Be able to read and analyze the financial statements of a corporate organization
- Be able to use the historical analysis of financial statements and a sales forecast to forecast the cash flow and financing needs of the organization
- Understand how the time value of money impacts financial decisions
- Understand and be able to apply the models for valuing financial assets
- Understand the concept and measurement of risk as it applies to financial modeling
- Be able to estimate cash flows accruing to long-term assets
- Understand and be able to apply the models used to evaluate the long-term asset acquisition proposals for the firm
- Understand the instruments and markets for raising capital for the firm
- All of the objectives are considered for corporations operating in a global environment within the framework of ethical decision-making

Homework: Homework problems will be assigned in class. These assignments will not be collected and graded. It will be difficult to do well on the exams if you are not completing and understanding the homework as it is assigned.

Quizzes: I will provide quizzes to review the concepts from each chapter and allow you to assess your understanding as we move through the material. These will not be graded. They will be very beneficial in exam preparation.

Calculator: A financial calculator, or calculator equipped with financial functions (i.e. FV, PV, PMT, NPV, IRR) is strongly recommended. These are available in the bookstore (the HP-10B is an inexpensive calculator that will serve you well in any Finance class).

Grades: The course grade will be determined by scores on four exams. The lowest exam score will comprise 10% of the final grade. The other three exams will be weighted 30% each. You must score a minimum of 60 points on every exam in order to earn an ‘A’.
Exam Dates:
Exam 1: February 21
Exam 2: March 20
Exam 3: April 24
Exam 4: May 15

Class Contribution: Students are expected to act in a professional manner in class. This includes working in-class quizzes and problems, contributing to class discussion with questions and comments, and not disrupting class by chatting with classmates, activating cell phones, leaving early without permission, or other distractions. I reserve the right to adjust grades up or down for contribution to the class. I will improve the grade of those students that provide a strong contribution with questions and comments. Unfortunately, in the case of disruptions, I will be forced to lower your letter grade.

Topics

Chapter 1 Introduction
Chapter 2 Financial Statements, Taxes and Cash Flow
Chapter 3 Working with Financial Statements
Chapter 4 Long-Term Financial Planning and Growth
Chapter 5 Introduction to Valuation
Chapter 6 Discounted Cash Flow Valuation
Chapter 7 Interest Rates and Bond Valuation
Chapter 8 Stock Valuation
Chapter 9 Net Present Value and Other Investment Criteria
Chapter 10 Making Capital Investment Decisions
Chapter 11 Project Analysis and Evaluation
Chapter 12 Some Lessons from Capital Market History
Chapter 13 Return, Risk and the Security Market Line
Chapter 15 Cost of Capital
Chapter 17 Financial Leverage and Capital Structure Policy
Chapter 18 Dividends and Dividend Policy